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MUDA to build High Rise apartments like BDA

MUDA delegation in Bengaluru, interacts with BDA engineers

Bengaluru, Dec.4 (SSV)- Taking a cue from Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has decided to go for construction of flats on BDA model in Mysuru.

This was decided during the inspection of MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh along with technicians, to ongoing apartment construction sites at Kommaraghatta in Kengeri in Bengaluru this morning.

The inspection team was accompanied by Co-peration Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also District Minister of Mysuru.

The MUDA delegation interacted with BDA engineers on flat design; space required for two bedroom and three bedrooms flats; technology adopted; where all such flats are built or under construction in and around Bengaluru; people's response, and plans to build flats at affordable price. Besides, details on lifts, staircases, soak pits, roads, and Under Ground Drainage (UGD) facilities at the apartment complex were collected. The MUDA Chairman also spoke to residents on design, interiors and basic facilities in the complex.

Later, talking to reporters, Rajeev said the MUDA has plans to build apartment complexes at affordable price keeping in mind the common people. In fact, this has been the wish of Minister Somashekar too. The flats would be built to the liking of Mysureans.

(See MUDA on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 4th December 2020

Elected as Member of Tribal Studies Core Committee

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (KS) - **Dr. D.C. Nanjunda,** Associate Professor, Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusion Study, University of Mysore, has been elected as one of the members of the Core Evaluation Committee of the National Tribal Mentor Pool, constituted by the National Institute for Tribal Studies (Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India).

The National Core Evaluation Committee is constituted to enhance the capabilities of tribal research students by advising them to produce quality Ph.D thesis, publishing qualitative journals and to evaluate the results of research and pass it on to the policy-makers for the required social action.

It may be recalled that the Centre for Social Exclusion Study at University of Mysore has already been designated by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as the Centre for Excellence in Tribal Studies in January 2020.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 4- As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 3rd quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 and 5 pm in the following areas:

Dattagalli Power Distribution Centre: Dattagalli 3rd stage, Triveni Super Market, Kadamba Bakery, Chief Engineer Office, Dattagalli I Block, MUDA Employees Layout, Kanakadasanagar, RT Nagar, Lingambudhipalya, University Layout, Vasu Layout, Mooganahundi, Nagarthahalli, Devagalli, Ballahalli, Hanagalli, Thibbayyanahundi, Beerihundi, IP Limits and surrounding areas.

Hura Power Distribution Centre: Hura, Hadya, Hallare, Devarayashettypura and Hediyala villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

With the onset of winter, pollution levels have once again reached alarming levels in North India. But the home air purifiers we bought this time last year lie misplaced both in our home and in our minds. The reason for this is that worry about the harm atmospheric pollution can do to our health has, to some if not large part, been superseded by the possibly greater harm that the raging pandemic of the Coronavirus could do to us. So the air purifiers lie largely neglected, their prior priority of place having been overtaken by face masks, disinfectants, hand washes, an ultraviolet sanitiser box, a pulse oximeter which gives the oxygen reading of our bodies, and other paraphernalia with which to ward off the dreaded COVID-19 which, in the short term at least, appears to pose a more dire and immediate health threat than pollution. Reportedly, atmospheric pollution helps the Coronavirus to spread, and it is in this COVID-carrying capacity that we increasingly view pollution rather than in the overall effect it has on our health. This Coronavirus-induced demotion, so to speak, of pollution is indicative of the way we get beset by newer problems and worries which overshadow our earlier anxieties. This is true not just in the realm of physical health, or lack of it, but in all walks of life, and in all our cares and concerns. Worries caused by inflation and rising food prices are overtaken by worries about school admissions for children, which in turn are replaced by anxieties as to who will win which elections, where, and what the resultant consequences will be for us. Fears of drought for lack of rains are supplanted by alarm bells rung by monsoon floods, the heatstrokes of summer forgotten in the feverish colds and sniffles of winter. We have a knack of replacing old bogeys with ones that are new. So, while we wish each other Happy New Year we can take comfort in the likelihood that 2021 will indeed be better — than 2022, if not 2020. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's strongest gin comes with beaker, mixing instructions

London: UK-based Anno Distillers recently launched what it calls the "world's strongest gin", a spirit so string that it comes with a small beaker for precise dosing, as well as clear mixing instructions.

With a 95% ABV, the Anno Extreme 95 gin is definitely not meant to be enjoyed straight up, not unless you want to feel what it's like to set your mouth on fire. Instead, its creators recommend it served as a "light G&T," using only 5ml of spirit, tonic water and a slice of grapefruit as garnish. To help you with those measurements, the new world's strongest gin comes with a small measuring beaker.

Because it's so incredibly potent, Anno Extreme 95 gin comes in a small 20cl bottle, which at 5ml per serving, amounts to a superb 40 servings. A bottle currently sells for £30 ($40).

Collectible radioactive glassware from a bygone era

Gulf of Naples: There was once a time when people exposed themselves to harmful radiations to create uranium glass – detailed, fluorescent glassware that glowed a radioactive green under black light. Some antique collectors still live with them in their homes today.

Uranium glass is a special type of glass made with uranium oxide, which gives it a yellow or yellow-green tint, but also makes it radioactive and causes it to glow green under a UV black light. The proportion of uranium in this type of glass usually varies from trace levels to about 2 percent, although uranium glass made in the early twentieth century contained up to 25 percent uranium. Interestingly, the fluorescence of uranium glass is not related to its radioactivity, but is a chemical property of the uranium. In fact, uranium glass is considered generally safe to use, as long as you don't use it constantly...

HEALTH CAPSULE

Exercise makes it easier to quit smoking by reducing your cravings and withdrawal symptoms. It can also help limit the weight you might gain when you stop smoking.

By Aruna Selvi - Department of Physiotherapy

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	53
Total positive cases	:	50,848
Discharges yesterday	:	89
Total discharges	:	49,567
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	1,001
Total active cases	:	280

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	75
Total positive cases	:	18,731
Total discharges	:	18,254
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	331

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	13
Total positive cases	:	6,394
Total discharges	:	6,190
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	77

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	5,321
Total discharges	:	5,199
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	54

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	27,147
Total discharges	:	26,384
Total deaths	:	387
Total active cases	:	376

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My wife told me she needs more space.
I said no problem and locked her out of the house !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.30
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.08
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.64

VOICE OF THE READER

Curb stray animal menace, avoid freak mishaps

Sir,

With reference to the pictorial report ***'No solution in sight...'*** *(SOM* dated Dec.2), it's high time that the District Administration and MCC impound the stray cattle as the menace continues.

Helmet-less riders are fined, but riders with helmet are becoming the victims of freak accidents when they face stray cattle right in the middle of busy roads.

Even I was a victim of one such incident on Vijayadashami Day for no fault of mine.

In busy roads, it is the cattle menace and in residential areas, it's the stray dogs menace. I request the authorities concerned to please do something to curb the menace before any serious fatalities take place.

—Lakshmi Koushik
Mysuru
3.12.2020

Study on 'Work from Home' during COVID-19 times

Mysuru, Dec. 4- Samruddhi Foundation, a Non-Profit Organisation in V. V. Mohalla, Mysuru, has invited interested persons to participate in a study on 'Facets and Impact of Work from Home during COVID-19 times: Experiences and Impact.'

All those working from home (women and men) and interested in participating in this study may send an e-mail with contact details to the Secretary, Samruddhi Foundation *(samruddhi.mysore@gmail.com).*

The Samruddhi Foundation can also be contacted on Mob: 63644-41100 for any clarification. Those who are willing to participate in the study may share their name, e-mail and phone number before Dec.26. The participants would be sent a survey format by e-mail to be filled and returned to the Foundation.

"The information shared by the participants will be used only for research purposes and personal identity of the participants will not be disclosed on any platform. The findings will be shared in a Webinar/Seminar and details of the sanme will be informed to the participants," said Prof. R. Indira, President and Dr. G. Shanthi, Secretary, Samruddhi Foundation, in a press release.

Corona, legal awareness

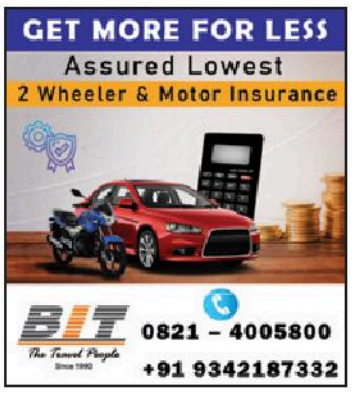
Mysuru, Dec. 4 (SSV) - As part of Crime Prevention Month, Legal and COVID-19 awareness programmes were held at Metagalli Police Station in city on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Metagalli Police Inspector Mallesh underscored the need for people's co-operation to check and detect crime. He also advised people to follow rules and resolve civil disputes without moving Courts. In the wake of pandemic, people must follow safety norms strictly, he added.

Chennappaji of JC Tech distributed face mask to the participants in the function. K. Vidya, Judge, CJM and JMFC, Mysuru, attended as representative of District Legal Services Authority. Dr. Gururaj and Dr. Harsihini from K.R. Hospital and others participated.

In another function, Munirathnamma, Judge, 2nd JMFC, attended a function organised by Lashkar Police Station and pasted Corona awareness stickers on autorickshaws and distributed masks to auto drivers, at Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city.

She also asked them to be careful and wear masks and maintain social distancing. Lashkar Police Inspector Sureshkumar and staff were present.



Free computer training for SC, STs

Mysuru, Dec. 4- Koushalya Karnataka has invited entries for free computer training for SC and ST unemployed candidates. During the training, RCSS Training Division will be imparting domestic data entry operator skills including Computer Basic, Data Entry, Hardware and Networking.

Interested candidates may submit the applications before Dec.5. For details visit No.665, 1st Floor, Nrupatunga Road, Kuvempunagar or contact Ph: 0821-2560268 or Mob: 93802-31665.

COVID-19 vaccine may be available anytime in country: AIIMS Director

New Delhi, Dec.4 (Agencies)-

Dr. Randeep Guleria

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Director Dr. Randeep Guleria on Thursday said that there is a possibility of availability of COVID-19 vaccination anytime soon in the country.

"In India, we now have vaccines which are in their final trial stage. Hopeful that by the end of this month or early next month we should get emergency use authorisation from Indian regulatory authorities to start giving vaccine to public," he said.

Dr. Guleria informed that there is good data available that the vaccines are very safe. "Safety and efficacy of vaccine cannot be compromised at all. Around 70,000-80,000 volunteers are given vaccine and no significant serious adverse effects are seen. Data shows that in the short term vaccine is safe," he said.

Responding to the vaccine impact during Chennai trial, the AIIMS Director said the Chennai trial case is an incidental finding rather than related to vaccine. "When we vaccinate a large number of people, some of them may have some other disease, which may not be related to vaccine," he added.

On vaccine distribution, Dr Guleria said, "Work is going on at war-footing both at the Centre and the State-level for vaccine distribution plan in terms of maintaining cold chain, having appropriate storehouses available, developing strategy, training vaccinators and availability of syringes."

He further said that in the beginning, COVID-19 vaccine will not be available in sufficient doses to give to everyone. "We need a priority list to see that we vaccinate those who've high chances of dying due to COVID-19. Elderly, people with comorbidities and frontline workers should be vaccinated first," he opined.

The vaccines currently under trial in India include Oxford-AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine, being produced and tested by Serum Institute of India.

Other vaccines being tested in India are Russia's Sputnik V, currently under trials at Dr.Reddy's Laboratories. India's home-grown Covaxin, being developed by Bharat Biotech in partnership with ICMR, has also proven as an effective and safe vaccine so far.

'Pandemic' is 2020 Word of the Year

Other words are 'quarantine', 'lockdown'

New York, Dec. 4 (Agencies)-

Two major dictionary publishers have chosen pandemic as 2020 word of the year. Merriam-Webster and Dictionary.com both declared their choices on Monday.

Merriam-Webster said its decision was based on the "extremely high numbers" of people who had looked up pandemic in its online dictionary in 2020. The word showed a major year-over-year increase in internet traffic, the company said.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11. The Merriam-Webster Learners' Dictionary defines pandemic as an occurrence in which a disease spreads very quickly and affects a large number of people over a wide area or throughout the world.

Searches for pandemic on the Merriam-Webster website rose more than 115,000 per cent on March 11 compared to a year earlier. The dictionary's choice of pandemic should not come as a shock to anyone, said Peter Sokolowski, editor at large for Merriam-Webster.

Sokolowski told The Associated Press that major news events often have a technical word related to them. In the case of the Coronavirus crisis, "the word pandemic is not just technical but has become general." He added that pandemic is also a word that will likely be used in the future to describe this period in history.

Sokolowski noted that pandemic has roots in Latin and Greek. It is a combination of "pan," meaning for all, and "demos," for people or population. Pandemic dates to the mid-

1600s, when it was used widely for "universal." Around that time, it also began appearing in medical literature after the plagues of the Middle Ages, he said.

Merriam-Webster said it acted quickly to add new information on words related to pandemic. The dictionary already had "Coronavirus" for many years. But it added "COVID-19" — the disease caused by the Coronavirus — about a month after that term was officially created in February.

In announcing its choice, Dictionary.com said searches for pandemic on its website increased more than 13,000 per cent on March 11.

Dictionary.com research editor John Kelly told the AP that searches for the word have remained high throughout the year. For about half of the year, the company said pandemic was in the top 10 percent of all search requests. "The pandemic as an event created a new language for a new normal," Kelly said.

Other dictionaries also chose COVID-19-related terms as their 2020 word of the year. Britain's Cambridge Dictionary chose "quarantine." It said searches for the word increased in March, when many countries ordered public restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Collins Dictionary, another British publisher, chose "lockdown." It said the word represents a uniting experience for people across the world. Under lockdown in 2020, Collins said "normal public life is suspended" and "we see few people, and fewer places." It added that lockdown is now seen as "a public health measure."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free eye, vision screening camp

Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli and Hebbal branches have organised a free eye and vision screening for cataract identification on Dec. 6 and 13 (Sundays) between 10 am and 4 pm. The first 10 members having cataract, can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the IOL lens will be provided at a reasonable price. The surgery will be done under COVID safety measures. For details, call Ph: 0821-4262255, 2953658 or Mob:88844-88262.

Calling Railway pensioners

Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be providing Digital Life Certificates to senior pensioners who are more than 80 years at the Association Office till Dec. 31 and other pensioners/family pensioners till Feb. 28, 2021. Pensioners are requested to bring their Aadhaar Card, PPO, Bank Pass Book and mobile phone to get the Digital Life Certificate. Pensioners can visit the Association Office on Sheshadri Iyer Road between 10.30 am to 1 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tailoring classes for women

The Backward Classes Welfare Department will be conducting tailoring classes for women and has invited applications from women belonging to Category-1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and SC/ST communities for the year 2020-21. Admission is limited to 20 candidates. Interested women may collect the application forms and submit the filled-in application form, along with necessary documents, to the Office of Taluk Welfare Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department located in Nanjangud. For details, contact Ph: 08221-295130.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	120.45 ft
Yesterday	120.60 ft
Inflow	3,491 cusecs
Outflow	5,522 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,272.46 ft
Inflow	384 cusecs
Outflow	1,950 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,835.72 ft
Inflow	143 cusecs
Outflow	1,170 cusecs

Taluk Administration demolishes building illegally built on Govt. land

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (SPN&DM)- Continuing its drive against encroached land, the Taluk Administration on Monday demolished a building constructed illegally on a piece of Government land in Metagalli and have reclaimed the land.

One Jayachandra had obtained possession of a 50'x100' site along the *Raja Kaluve* coming under Metagalli Survey No. 1 and 2 belonging to the Government, by creating fake documents and submitting the same at the MCC Zone-5 Office over a decade ago. Jayachandra had sold the site to one Raju Paandi about 10 years ago.

After purchasing the site, Raju constructed a building there. Thereafter, some residents of Metagalli complained to Tahsildar T.S. Rakshith seeking demolition of the building on the grounds that it was illegally constructed.

Following the complaint, Tahsildar Rakshith verified the authenticity of the documents and when it was discovered to be fake, he ordered reclamation of the land. Armed with the Tahsildar's order, the authorities demolished the structure on the site and reclaimed the land that is said to be worth about Rs. 5 crore, with the jurisdictional Metagalli Police providing security.

Meanwhile, RTI activist Nagendra has urged the authorities to initiate criminal proceedings against the then MCC Zone-5 staff and officials, who were hand-in-glove in the encroachment of Government land worth crores of rupees.

Taluk Revenue Inspector Shivakumar said that the value of the reclaimed land is about Rs. 5 crore. A Police complaint will soon be lodged at Metagalli Police Station seeking action against encroachers.

Minister B.C. Patil's comment on farmer suicides stirs up a hornet's nest

B.C. Patil

Ponnampet, Dec. 4 (OSR)- Farmer leaders and politicians have demanded an apology from State Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil who said, "Farmers who commit suicide are cowards."

Speaking at a function at Ponnampet Forestry College yesterday, Patil said, "I met a woman who was wearing gold jewels and I questioned her about it. And she said, 'These jewels are a gift from the earth. I have worked hard in the farms for 35 years and I am able to own these.' If a woman can earn this from farming, why are farmers committing suicide? A farmer who commits suicide is a coward. A true farmer must not commit suicide."

He continued that farmers must instead develop mixed farming and involve themselves in animal husbandry and organic farming to earn a profitable business. He also stated that paddy cultivation alone is not providing profits to farmers and promised to take steps to provide better prices for paddy.

However, his comment on suicides has not gone down well with the farming community and leaders from other parties. "A farmer commits suicide when he feels he has lost respect in front of his wife, children, relatives, and fellow villagers," former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said on Twitter. Taking a dig at Patil for defecting from the Congress to the BJP, the former CM said a farmer does not change his colour like a "chameleon" for the sake of power.

Congress Karnataka unit Spokesperson V.S. Ugrappa condemned the Minister's statement, saying he has shown disrespect to the farming community. "It's disrespect to the farmers. He should apologise for it," Ugrappa said.

He said the Minister should have gone into the subject to find why some farmers commit suicide."No farmer wishes to end life. There are many reasons such as floods and droughts, which have not been understood and solved yet. Instead of understanding the gravity of the problem, the Minister gives such an irresponsible statement," Ugrappa said.

Farmers' leader Kurubur Shanthakumar said that a farmer does not commit suicide due to personal reasons. "A farmer's suicide is often referred by the farmer community as Government-sponsored murder. A farmer suffers because of three main reasons – natural disasters, price drop for crops and untimely non supply of seed and manure. After bearing enough of these sufferings, when a farmer cannot see a way out, he commits suicide. Certain policies of the Government are provoking the farmers to commit suicide," he added.

Meanwhile, President of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha Kodihalli Chandrashekar, demanded that Patil apologise to the farmers. "I strongly condemn the statement of B.C. Patil. As an Agriculture Minister, he must look at farmer suicides in a different perspective. Instead of filling hopes, he is making foolish comments. He has disrespected farmers and he must apologise," he demanded.

Kondotsava restricted to temple premises

Mysuru, Dec. 4 - The *Kondotsava* of Sri Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple at Sunnadakeri in city, which is scheduled to take place on Dec. 7, has been restricted within the temple premises, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, the *Utsava* and *Konda, Nandi Dhwaja, Veerabhadra Kunitha* and other events associated with *Kondotsava* in the past, have been cancelled. However, the customary rituals will take place inside the temple premises at 7 pm on Dec.7, the fourth *Karthika* Monday.

The Temple Management has asked the devotees to strictly follow the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government, such as wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing while forming queues. Also, devotees who are found not wearing face masks, will not be allowed to the temple, according to a press release.

For details, call Mob: 94831-52689, 97404-08198 or 99012-65640.

Farmers to stage dharna in front of Vidhana Soudha on Dec. 8

Shanthakumar

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (RKB&KS)- Urging the Government for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agriculture produce, Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane and in support of farmers' protest at Delhi, farmers will be staging a dharna in front of Vidhana Soudha at Bengaluru on Dec. 8.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road here recently, Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers' Association State President Kurubur Shanthakumar said that the Centre was misleading the farmers' agitation in Delhi and urged the Centre to take back laws which were anti-farmer.

Pointing out that farmer leaders would convene a meeting at Delhi soon to decide about the next step to be taken, Shanthakumar said that based on the decision taken at the meeting in Delhi, the farmers here would decide on the 'Jail Bharo' agitation.

Stating that the State MPs were not having time to listen to farmers' problems, Shanthakumar said that the farmers will not keep quiet if they are neglected and demanded immediate relief to farmers of Yadgir, Vijayapura and other places who lost their crops due to floods. Devaraj, Venkatesh and others were present.

Obituary

Pandanda Ponnamma

Mysuru, Dec. 4 - Pandanda Ponny Ponnamma (Mukkatira), wife of Pandanda Ganesh and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday night in Bengaluru. She was 71.

She leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hebbal Crematorium in Bengaluru this afternoon, according to family sources.

Yuva Brigade restores sheen of Ganjam's forgotten temple

THEN: ***Veerabhadraswamy Temple at Ganjam in Srirangapatna before restoration.***

NOW: ***Veerabhadraswamy Temple gets a new look after restoration by Yuva Brigade team.***

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (BCT) - Mysuru and surrounding areas is home to several temples whose intricate architecture on stone speaks volumes of the craftsmanship of the ancient rulers, especially the Wadiyars.

But not all of them are maintained well by the Departments concerned. Some remain far away from the radar of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department. The realisation was enough for a group of enthusiasts from Yuva Brigade to take initiatives to restore dilapidated temples in the district.

The Brigade has a history of renovating many temples, ancient monuments, rivers and Kalyanis and the latest to be added to the list is the Veerabhadraswamy Temple at Ganjam in Srirangapatna. Though many other temples in Ganjam and surroundings have been maintained in a good condition, thanks to the continuous flow of devotees, this particular temple was crying for attention since long.

Weeds and bushes had covered the entire temple premises and though it is located by the side of the road, it was not visible as thick growth dominated the area. The plight of the temple was posted through a video on social media by a visitor which caught the attention of Yuva Brigade members.

The Brigade formed a team to clean the temple and give it a facelift. The team worked for two months on weekends and holidays and transformed the temple. While doing this, they regularly updated the social media about the progress of the works. Seeing the good work being done, many people contributed cement, paint and limestone.

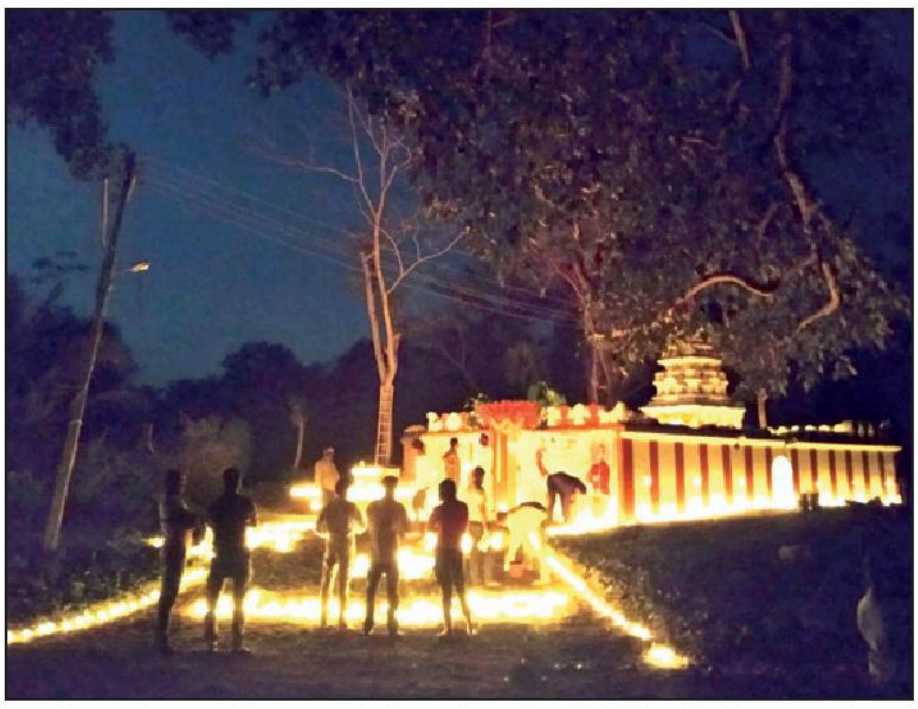
The group started its restoration work after seeking the permission of the residents. They cleared plants and foliage that had sprouted from the dilapidated structure. “Seeds get deposited on the structure through bird droppings. Limestone (which the structure is made of) and rain water facilitates their germination. If left unchecked, vegetation can cause potential damage to the temple’s structure,” Chandrasekhar of the Yuva Brigade told *Star of Mysore*.

Before the restoration works, the team found that miscreants had stolen the historic idol from the sanctum sanctorum. After the works were completed, the Yuva Brigade members installed an idol as per traditions and consecrated the temple. Later, an iron door was fixed to protect the idol and electricity connection was provided to the premises.

Once the renovation was complete, a Deepotsava was recently held on the third ‘Karthika Somavara’ and local villagers were invited to the event. The keys of the temple were handed over to villagers, Chandrasekhar added.

Among the people who generously contributed for the restoration works are Ashwin from Srirangapatna and Lokesh from Krishna Raja Sagar village. S. Sandesh, Kiran, Ravisutha, Sandesh, Manoj, Sharath, Lokesh, Sooraj, Ranjith, Gautham, Lokesh Ganjam, Abhishek, Shreyas, Ravi and Manu of the Yuva Brigade worked actively in the temple restoration.

The Yuva Brigade team which restored the temple.



Deepotsava at the renovated temple on the third ‘Karthika Somavara.’

Night Curfew Yes / No ?

CM says no night curfew but Health Minister says will decide after discussing with CM

Bengaluru, Dec. 4 (BCT)- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa this morning said that his Government had no plans to impose night curfew as recommended by the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to curb the spread of pandemic during the New Year celebrations

"For now, there are no such plans," Yediyurappa told reporters when asked if the Government was thinking about bringing back night curfews.

Also, the number of virus-positive cases in Karnataka has shown a steady decline. "The Union Government has allowed States and Union Territories to impose lockdowns and night curfews based on their assessment, but Karnataka is not likely to exercise such options," Government sources said.

"It is an option, but the situation at present doesn't warrant it as the virus infection rate has shown a steady decline. Also there is a surge in recoveries. Clearly, aggressive testing on the part of the Government, plus awareness within the public is keeping numbers low. As for new containment and surveillance guidelines, we are already implementing most of them," sources added.

After the nationwide lockdown was lifted, the State Government had re-imposed a lockdown between July 12 and 22. Cases spiked in July - September, but began to a decline from October. From a peak of around 10,000 cases a day, the number has now come down to 1,000 cases each day.

Even in Mysuru, there has been a drastic decrease both in COVID-19 positive cases and deaths when compared to October. Health Department Officers say that positive cases have seen 77.25 percent decrease and deaths by 81.45 percent in Mysuru district. Even the recovery rate has improved in November when compared to October.

In an advisory submitted to the Government on Nov. 30, the TAC had warned that a second wave of COVID-19 was expected during January-February 2021. The TAC had recommended night curfew (8 pm to 5 am) from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 — banning New Year celebrations or parties during this period to prevent people from gathering.

It specifically sought a ban on celebrations in resorts, hotels and on Bengaluru's high-streets such as M.G. Road, Brigade Road and so on. On Thursday, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters in Mangaluru that the Government had not discussed introducing night curfews.

Meanwhile, Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar told reporters in Bengaluru this morning that a final call on night curfew will be taken after discussing with Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa.

COVID vaccine soon: PM Modi

New Delhi, Dec.4 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said COVID-19 vaccine could be ready for its administration in India in a few weeks and the vaccination would begin as soon as the Centre gets a go-ahead from the scientists.

Addressing an all-party meeting with State representatives to discuss Coronavirus situation, he said the pricing of vaccine and its distribution across are being discussed with the States.

Earlier, PM Modi had asked the States to start working on cold storage facilities as Pfizer's Coronavirus vaccine, which is 95 percent effective in preventing the disease, needs to be kept at minus 70 degree Celsius, a storage facility even the big city hospitals do not have.

"With the help from State Governments, other needed cold chain storages and logistical support are being measured. Special software has also been developed for vaccine stock and real-time information," PM said.

Hailing the work being done in India to develop vaccine, PM said the world is watching India for the cheapest and safest vaccine. "Our scientists are very confident of succeeding in their endeavour of making vaccine. The world is keeping a watch on the cheapest and safe vaccine. That is why the world is watching India."

MUDA to build High Rise flats

File photo of BDA apartment complex.

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"Today, we have studied the BDA model and collected all information. After going back to Mysuru, we will make modification according to Mysuru style and start construction," MUDA Chairman Rajeev added.

Thanking Minister Somashekar for taking them to various construction sites in Bengaluru, he said plans are afoot to build 6,000 to 8,000 flats on Mysuru city outskirts and Ring Road. Construction in other areas would be taken up after seeing the response of Mysureans. "Further course of action will start under the supervision of the Minister," he noted.

Build flats to people's taste

Meanwhile, Somashekar said he had a detailed discussion with Rajeev on multi-storeyed apartment projects in Mysuru. The MUDA officials have been advised to go for apartment construction projects to woo the common citizens by offering them flats at affordable price. Besides, the flats should be build to suit taste of local people. "We are going for inspection in four other locations in Bengaluru to see what kind of flats are best suited for Mysuru. Later, the MUDA Chairman and officials will take a final call," the Minister added.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar** (third from right) **along with MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev** (second from left), **MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh** (extreme left) **and officials inspecting a BDA apartment complex in Bengaluru this morning.

Corporators decry move to hike water tariff; heated debate on

Gram Panchayats owe MCC Rs. 33 crore as water bill dues!

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (RK&BCT)- The proposal tabled before the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council to hike water tariff by at least 50 percent was slammed by Corporators. The proposal was tabled this morning by officers and a heated debate ensued.

The MCC Council had called for the meeting at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall under the Chairmanship of Mayor Tasneem this morning to discuss certain unfinished issues in the last meeting that was held on Nov. 30.

The proposal, tabled by officials of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the drinking water supply wing of the MCC, sought a minimum hike of 50 percent to 60 percent in water tariff in order to make-up Operation and Maintenance (O&M) cost which is presently being borne by the State Government. Officials claimed that the water tariff in Mysuru is lowest among Tier-II cities in the State.

However, the proposal met with stiff opposition from Corporators who said that they will resist such a move by the MCC.

Corporator K.V. Sridhar blamed the officials for loss in revenue collection. He asked the officers to first plug leakages, set right technical issues and also legalise all unauthorised water connections.

"At a time when a metropolitan city, the nation's capital New Delhi is offering free water, why can't the same system be replicated in Mysuru," he questioned. He demanded a roll back in the prices and said that due to the lethargic attitude of the officers and their subordinates there is a huge gap between water supply and revenue collection.

Corporator S.B.M. Manju demanded a proper water audit before any decision on hiking the tariff is taken. The debate saw Corporators demanding an explanation from the officers as to why water is being supplied to villages that are beyond MCC boundaries like Hootagalli, Rammanahalli, Hinkal, Alanahalli and surrounding villages.

"Thousands of gallons of water is supplied to these villages and the tariff is never collected," they said. At this point, officers revealed that Gram Panchayats owe MCC Rs. 33 crore as water bill dues. This enraged the Corporators further and they demanded an explanation as to who authorised the MCC to supply drinking water to villages.

The debate was on when we went to press. Meanwhile, the issue of underground drainage (UGD) cess cropped up where officers were asked to follow the Bengaluru model to levy UGD cess as per the slabs. If the building is bigger, higher cess must be levied. There cannot be a uniform cess, they argued.

Mayor Tasneem chaired today's meeting. Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others were present.

Mishap kills two in Kodagu

Two persons were killed on the spot when a speeding truck collided head-on with an Omni van at Bethri village near Murnad in Kodagu this morning. The deceased have been identified as Ramesh and Subramani. Two more persons inside the van have been seriously injured and they have been shifted to a hospital. More details awaited.

Karnataka Bandh likely to evoke poor response in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (RK&DM)- The Karnataka Bandh called by several pro-Kannada organisations tomorrow (Dec. 5) in protest against the establishment of Maratha Development Authority with a sanctioned fund of Rs. 50 crore, is likely to make a little impact in the city as the Federation of Mysore Traders Association and several other business organisations have refused to back the bandh.

A host of Kannada organisations including Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, Mysuru Kannada Vedike, Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha and Mysuru Kannada Chaluvaligarara Vedike have called for the bandh tomorrow in protest against the setting up of Maratha Development Authority, which they claimed is highly detrimental to the interests of Kannadigas.

Several trade organisations and vendor associations of city said that will extend only moral support to the bandh backing the cause, but cannot shut down at this juncture when the economy is slowly limping back to normal following the COVID-19 induced nationwide lockdown.

With trade and business organisations extending only moral support, petrol bunks, hotels and restaurants, shopping malls, markets and other commercial establishments will function as usual. The KSRTC will operate buses and taxis, autos, cabs and other public transport vehicles will ply as usual. Train services too will not be affected.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayana Gowda said that hotels, restaurants, bakeries and other eateries will remain open tomorrow.

Pointing out that though the Association was supportive of the cause, he said that shutting down will cause a huge loss to the hotel Industry, which is witnessing a slow return to its normal business amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

B.S. Prashanth of Mysore Travels Association said that the tourism and travel industry was the first to be affected by the pandemic induced lockdown.

The entire industry is in the doldrums and yet to recover from the lockdown effect. Hence the travel industry will not shut down tomorrow but will provide regular services to the public, he said.

The Federation of Mysore Traders Association which has declined to support the Bandh, comprises 13 members including Mysore Travels Association, Mysore Hotel Owners Association, Mysuru District Tourist Guides Association, Mysuru Region Petroleum Dealers Association, Mysuru District Distributors Association and D. Devaraj Urs Road Traders Association.

Will not allow Karnataka Bandh tomorrow: Home Minister

Basavaraj Bommai

Udupi, Dec. 4- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said here that Karnataka Bandh called by several pro-Kannada organisations on Dec. 5 in protest against the establishment of Maratha Development Corporation, will not be allowed to happen.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Bommai said that the bandh call given by various pro-Kannada organisations is against a Supreme Court order. Maintaining that the bandh is violation of the Top Court order, he said that all Government Offices will function as usual.

Referring to reports on new year celebration rules and imposition of night curfew, Bommai said no meeting has been called to discuss clamping of night curfew as a measure to stop the escalation of COVID-19 pandemic.

Pointing out that a clear cut decision will be taken on issuing guidelines for new year celebrations, Bommai observed that instead of night curfew, the Government will come up with alternative precautionary and safety measures to check the spread of the deadly pandemic during new year celebrations.

Replying to a question on reports that parents were pressing the Government for reopening of schools, the Home Minister said that the Government will take a decision on this depending upon the COVID-19 situation that prevails during the end of December.

Woman succumbs to injuries at hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (RK&KS)- A woman, who had sustained serious head injuries after falling from the scooter on Nov. 25 in front of Big Bazaar on JLB Road and admitted to a private hospital has succumbed to injuries at the hospital yesterday morning.

The deceased is Kamala (68), wife of Jayashankar and a resident of Sonar Street near Shanthala Theatre.

On Nov. 25, Kamala along with her husband were proceeding on their scooter from Ramaswamy Circle towards RTO (West) side, when she lost balance and fell from the scooter in front of Big Bazaar at about 11 am injuring her head seriously.

Though she was admitted to JSS Hospital, she succumbed to injuries yesterday morning at the hospital, according to K.R. Traffic Inspector H.N. Vinay, who has registered a case.

Two commit suicide

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (KS)- In separate cases, a 25-year-year-old homemaker and a 21-year-old youth, unable to bear constant severe stomach pain, have committed suicide at their residences in Metagalli and Saraswathipuram Police limits in city.

In the first case, a 25-year-old woman, unable to bear severe stomach pain committed suicide by consuming poison at her house in Kumabarakoppal yesterday.

The deceased is Geetha. Though she was rushed to a private hospital, she breathed her last yesterday evening, according to Metagalli Police, who have registered a case.

In the second case, a 21-year-old youth, who too was suffering from constant stomach pain, committed suicide by hanging self at his house in Janata Nagar yesterday morning.

The deceased is K. Ravikumar, a native of Kumbarakoppal, who was residing on Ganapathi Temple Street at Janata Nagar.

Saraswathipuram Police have registered a case.

One killed, two injured as car rams into electric pole

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (RK&KS)- One person was killed, while two others sustained injuries when the car in which they were travelling rammed into an electric pole near Paduvarahalli on Hunsur Road in the wee hours of Wednesday.

While the deceased has been identified as Chiranjeevi (34), a native of Hassan district and presently residing at Bogadi, the two injured are Azeez Ahmed and Puneeth, who have been admitted to a private hospital in city.

On Wednesday at about 1.15 am, Chiranjeevi, Azeez and Puneeth were proceeding in a Ford Fiesta car from St. Joseph's College side towards Kalamandira, when Chiranjeevi, who was behind the wheels of the car lost control and rammed into a roadside electric pole and toppled resulting all three of them suffering serious injuries.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the three injured to a private hospital nearby and later shifted them to JSS Hospital, where Chiranjeevi succumbed to injuries yesterday at about 6 am, according to the Police.

V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Aruna Kumari, who has registered a case, has seized the car involved in the accident.

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Plea to clean up clogged drain at Vijayanagar 1st Stage

A drain opposite to Simply Kodavas Restaurant in Vijayanagar 1st Stage is clogged and causing inconvenience to the residents. The public have alleged that a lot of snakes have taken shelter near the clogged drain and come out to bask in sun causing a sense of fear among the people. The residents and public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Sewage water clogged in incomplete drain at N.R. Mohalla

The civic body, which undertook construction of a drain on the 8th Cross of Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla has left it incomplete and sewage water, unable to flow further has become stagnant and emanating foul smell besides becoming a place for mosquitoes to breed allege residents. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the unfinished drain work completed at the earliest and prevent any contagious diseases from spreading.

Convicted netas cannot be barred for life from polls: Centre

New Delhi, Dec. 4 (UNI&Agencies)- Convicted lawmakers cannot be debarred from contesting elections for life, the Centre told the Supreme Court yesterday in response to a petition that sought convicted legislators to be treated on par with convicted bureaucrats, who are debarred for life from Government service.

Making a distinction between bureaucrats and Members of Parliament (MPs) or State Legislatures (MLAs) who are convicted of serious offences under the Indian Penal Code or other special laws, an affidavit filed by the Ministry of Law and Justice said that while public servants were governed by "service conditions," such conditions do not exist for lawmakers.

Instead, MPs and MLAs are governed by the Representation of the People Act (RP Act), which prescribes a six-year disqualification from contesting polls for an offence that is punishable with a prison sentence of two years and above.

The affidavit came in response to an application moved in a pending PIL filed by lawyer and BJP leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay.

The Centre's stand differs from that taken by the Election Commission, which endorsed a life ban as necessary to champion the cause of decriminalisation of politics.

In his main petition, Upadhyay had sought debarment of convicted lawmakers for life. However, in the application, he added a subsequent prayer, challenging the validity of Sections 8(1), 8(2), 8(3) and 9(1) of RP Act, 1951, which disqualifies a convicted Legislator for a period of six years and five years (under Section 9(1)).

Upadhyay questioned the different standards of punishment for convicted lawmakers on one hand and convicted public servants on the other and demanded that the same rule of debarment must be applied to MLAs/MPs on contesting elections or for heading a political party.

Upadhyay argued that while a public servant or a government employee is debarred for life on conviction for offences under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), money laundering law, foreign exchange violation, UAPA or cheque cases, among other laws, a Legislator is "only disqualified for the same offences for a specified period."

The Centre's affidavit says: "There are no specific service conditions laid down in respect of elected representatives albeit, the fact that the people's representatives are public servants. The elected representatives are ordinarily bound by the oath that they have taken to serve the citizens of their Constituency in particular and the country in general. Their conduct is bound by propriety, good conscience and they are expected to generally work in the interest of the nation."

The affidavit said that while the issue of debarment for life was pending in the main petition filed by Upadhyay, there was no need to entertain the amended application, which challenged the RPA provisions with regard to disqualification of MPs/MLAs.

Install CCTV cameras in offices of CBI, ED and NIA: SC orders Centre

'Entry and exit points, main gate, lock-ups at all Police Stations must have surveillance cameras'

New Delhi, Dec. 4 (UNI)-The Supreme Court on Wednesday has directed the Centre to install CCTV cameras and recording equipment at the offices of investigating agencies, including the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and National Investigation Agency (NIA), which conduct interrogations and have the power of arrest.

A bench headed by Justice R.F. Nariman said that States and Union Territories (UTs) should ensure that CCTV cameras are installed at each and every Police Station, making them imperative at all entry and exit points, main gate, all lock-ups, all corridors, lobby and reception area as also areas outside the lock-up room.

The Apex Court, which had earlier ordered installation of CCTV cameras in Police Stations to check human rights abuses, said that as most of the probe agencies including Narcotics Control Bureau, Department of Revenue Intelligence and Serious Fraud Investigation Office carry out interrogation in their offices, CCTVs be "compulsorily

installed" in all offices where such questioning takes place and accused are kept.

It said the CCTV systems must be equipped with night vision and have audio as well as video footage and it shall be mandatory for the Centre, States and UTs to purchase such system which allows storage of data for maximum period possible and in any case not below one year.

"In addition, the Union of India is also directed to install CCTV cameras and recording equipment in the offices of: Central Bureau of Investigation, National Investigation Agency, Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control Bureau, Department of Revenue Intelligence, Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), any other agency which carries out interrogations and has the power of arrest," said the Bench, also comprising Justices K.M. Joseph and Aniruddha Bose.

"As most of these agencies carry out interrogation in their office(s), CCTVs shall be compulsorily installed in all offices where such interrogation and holding of accused takes place in the same manner as it would in a Police Station," the Bench said in its order.

The Top Court said that in September this year, it had impleaded all the States and UTs in the matter to find out the exact position of CCTV cameras in each Police Station as well as constitution of Oversight Committees in accordance with the April 3, 2018 order.

The Apex Court, while dealing with a matter related to custodial torture, had in July this year taken note of a 2017 case in which it had ordered installation of CCTV cameras in all Police Stations to check human rights abuses, videographing of crime scene and setting up of a Central Oversight Committee and such a panel in every States and Union Territory.

Zero accidents, 85 percent punctuality, boost to speed

South Western Railway Mysuru Division celebrates 65th Railway Week; lists stellar achievements

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (OSR)-Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated the 65th Railway Week on Dec. 2 at Chamundi Officers' Club, Yadavagiri. Railway Week is an annual event to commemorate the commissioning of the first passenger train way back in April, 1853. This year's event could not be held in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal presented awards to the employees who excelled in their work. While 63 employees received the individual awards, 7 group awards for 69 employees were also conferred. B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Prashanth Mastiholi, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer and other officers were present.

Best maintained rake

Briefing about the performance of the Division for 2019-20, Rahul Agarwal said that the Division won efficiency shields for best maintained station major – Mysuru Station, Best Maintained rake (Swarnajayanthi Superfast Express running between Mysuru-Hazrat Nizamuddin). Signal and Telecommunications and Security Departments bagged efficiency shields. Five Officers and 44 employees were awarded for meritorious service.

Agarwal said that Mysuru Division, with an aim to double the freight traffic, has constituted Business Development Units at the Divisional and Sub Divisional level and has been striving hard to increase its freight volume along with ease of doing business.

The DRM also presented the other highlights of the Division. These include zero accidents except one yard derailment, overall loading of 8.14 million tonnes when compared to 4.644 million tonnes during last year.

Punctuality of 85 percent

Amid major infrastructural and doubling works, the Division could achieve a sterling punctuality of 85 percent, both mail and express. The division's originating earnings stood at Rs. 844 crore, a year-on-year growth of 29 percent. It transported 412.8 lakh passengers. 30 level crossings were eliminated and new under bridges and over bridges were constructed.

This apart, speed of trains was increased to 100 kilometres per hour on a total of 220 routes. Three new trains were introduced connecting Shivamogga town with Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and Mysuru city.

Passenger-friendly works

Some passenger-friendly works were executed. Mysuru Yard Remodelling was taken up and completed. Mysuru Railway Station was redeveloped and Railway Board's dash board work under soft up-gradation was successfully completed. Quick coach watering was taken up reducing watering time to 5 minutes from 20 minutes

The Rail Museum was renovated and expanded. Monumental Flags were installed at all 11 district headquarters. Provision of information about Mysuru Station at click of a button and a specific station website was launched — *www.mysururailwaystation.com*

With a view to providing visitors an opportunity to cherish the memories of their visit to Mysuru and also to promote 'Made in India' products, a souvenir and four kiosks have been opened at Mysuru Railway Station.

Staff welfare initiatives have been taken to make the Division employee friendly. These include air-conditioning of running rooms and new staff canteens. The Railway sports ground has been provided with flood lights and a brand new pavilion.

Lt. Gen. Channira Bansi Ponnappa is 11th Corps Commander

Madikeri, Dec. 4 (BCT)- Lieutenant General Channira Bansi Ponnappa, AVSM (Ati Vishisht Seva Medal) has been appointed as 11th Corps Commander. He took charge at Jalandhar in Punjab recently.

With this appointment, the hilly Kodagu district, which has a long and illustrious history of courageous top Defence Officers, for which it is known as the 'Land of Army Generals', has added one more feather to its cap.

Till now, Lieutenant General Bansi Ponnappa was the Chief of Staff Northern Command at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir. At present, there are two Corps Commanders serving in the Indian Army from Kodagu District.

While Lieutenant General Bansi Ponnappa is 11th Corps Commander at Jalandhar, Lieutenant General Codanda P. Cariappa is First Corps Commander at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

Bansi Ponnappa hails from Nangala village near Bittangala in Virajpet taluk and is the son of Channira Ponnappa and Meera (Konerira, Virajpet Boikeri). He is married to Nitya Medappa (Keethiyanda). His son Nishanth is serving the Indian Navy as an officer and daughter Sunaina is studying in Bengaluru.

Hi-tech water dispenser donated to MDJA

Philanthropist K. Mahendra Singh Kalappa (centre) handing over the hi-tech water dispenser to Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar as Writer Bannur K. Raju, MDJA office-bearers M. Subramanya and Anurag Basavaraj look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 4- K. Mahendra Singh Kalappa, a Bannur-based philanthropist and President of Parisara Jagruthi Vedike, donated a hi-tech hot and cold water dispenser to Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) in city recently.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "Consumption of hot water, especially amidst COVID-19 crisis and winter days, would boost the health as it would help in controlling the spread of water-borne diseases."

"Considering the efforts of journalists, who have been working tirelessly in the frontline, despite the prevailing COVID crisis, I wished to provide something to safeguard the health of scribes as they are vulnerable to the virus. Thus, the hot and cold water dispenser was donated," he added.

The water dispenser was installed at MDJA Office on Thyagaraja Road Cross.

MDJA President S. T. Ravikumar, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Vice-President M.S. Anurag Basavaraj, Treasurer Nagesh Panathale, Secretary P. Rangaswamy and Writer Bannur K. Raju were present on the occasion.

Mysuru Railway Division captures new freight traffic

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (OSR)-Thanks to sustained marketing efforts of Business Development Units (BDU), the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway has been able to reinstate old freight traffic of maize and add new freight customers in sugar loading.

As per the directives of Railway Board and in a bid to give boost to the freight traffic, BDUs have been set up at Zonal and Divisional levels. The Division has been striving to increase its freight volume as well as its share in freight transport.

For the first time, the Division loaded sugar consignment from Mylar Sugar Companies which loaded 1,320 tonnes of sugar from Shree Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station, Haveri to Navkar Corporation Limited, Panvel of Central Railway covering a total distance of 760 kilometres. This generated Rs. 13 lakh revenue to the Division.

Adding to the achievement of BDU and in addition to transporting sugar the Division after a gap of two years, the Division transported 1,330 tonnes of Maize from Ranebennur to Rudrapur city of North Eastern Railway covering 2,303 kilometres and generating Rs. 32 lakh revenue.

Trains have emerged as the most convenient, safe and faster way of freight transportation. Due to the immense efforts and initiatives of marketing team, Division was able to generate additional revenue of Rs. 45 lakh during this month.

Regular customer meets were conducted to explain freight schemes and to build confidence in them to choose trains as their preferred mode of transportation.

For any queries regarding freight booking and transportation, parties can contact Business Development Unit, Mysuru Division or can download SWIFT application (Single Window Interface for Freight Transportation) from play store which acts as one point destination for goods and parcel booking.

WORD OF THE DAY

Debouch

Pronunciation: dih-BOUTCH
Meaning: To cause to emerge : discharge; to march out into open ground : emerge, issue.
Origin: Debouch first appeared in English in the 18th century. It derives from a French verb formed from the prefix de- ("from") and the noun bouche ("mouth"), which itself derives ultimately from the Latin bucca ("cheek"). Debouch is often used in military contexts to refer to the action of troops proceeding from a closed space to an open one. It is also used frequently to refer to the emergence of anything from a mouth, such as water passing through the mouth of a river into an ocean. The word's ancestors have also given English the adjective buccal ("of or relating to the mouth") and the noun embouchure (the mouthpiece of a musical instrument or the position of the mouth when playing one).
Example: Mr. Holcomb ... was talking about a small room that debouched from a well-maintained weight room in the basement...." — Barry Stringfellow, The MV Times (Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts), 15 Mar. 2017.

THE ODD WORD

Damine

Having antlers like a fallow deer.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Down to the wire

Meaning: A tense situation in a competition where the outcome is only clear at or near the end.
Origin: This expression is believed to have originated from horse racing. Here is why: In horse racing, a wire was hung up over the finish line to help determine a winner. This was especially handy in cases where the races were very close. So then, as the riders rapidly approached the finish line, they could be described as coming down to the wire, quite literally.
According to World Wide Words, the phrase is used in Scribner's Magazine in July, 1889. There's a story within the magazine titled 'How the Derby Was Won', and it provides some details about a horse race that recently took place, saying: "As the end of the stand was reached Timarch worked up to Petrel, and the two raced down to the wire, cheered on by the applause of the spectators. They ended the first half mile of the race head and head, passing lapped together under the wire, and beginning in earnest the mile which was yet to be traversed."

QUOTE BOX

Luck is a very thin wire between survival and disaster, and not many people can keep their balance on it.—**Hunter S. Thompson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

C C

Answer: To see red.

SUDOKU

4						8		
	8			2	6			
	9		5			6	7	
					3		8	9
	4						2	
7	3		2					
	6	2			7		5	
			1	6			3	
		4						8

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	8	5	6	2	4	7	9
5	6	9	3	7	4	2	8	1
4	2	7	8	1	9	5	3	6
3	1	4	7	5	6	8	9	2
7	5	6	2	9	8	3	1	4
9	8	2	1	4	3	7	6	5
2	4	1	9	3	7	6	5	8
6	9	3	4	8	5	1	2	7
8	7	5	6	2	1	9	4	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

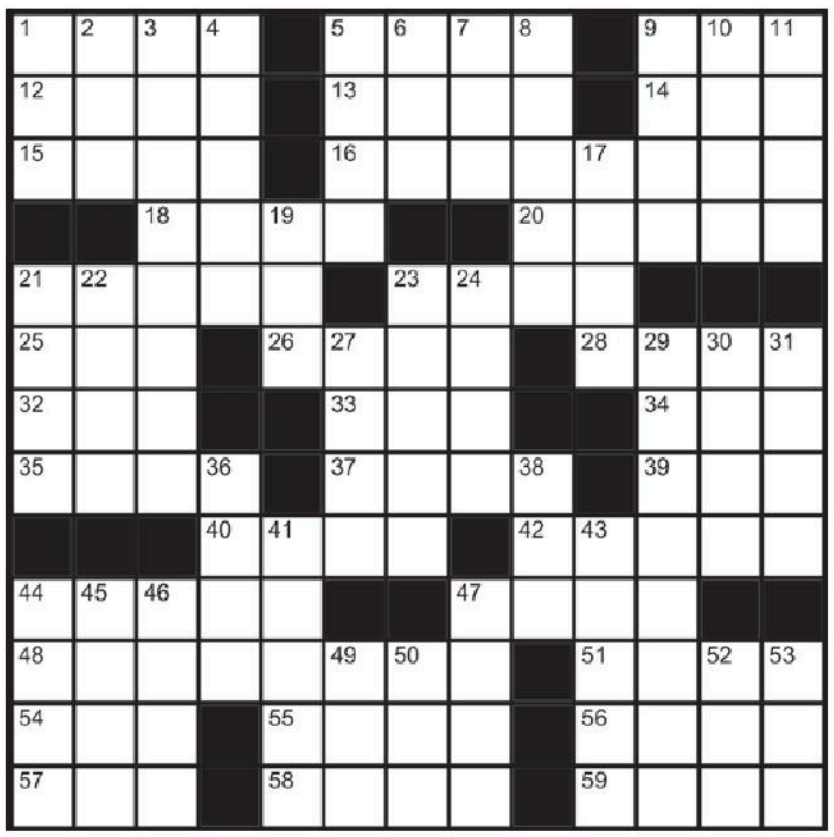
1 The abominable snowman
5 A young sheep
9 Rsrv. Bk. of India
12 Got a perfect score
13 Nitrogenous fertilizer
14 A head of corn
15 Persian fairy
16 Cupbearer for Zeus
18 Stout cord
20 Lubricated
21 Author Loos
23 Purse lips sulkily
25 The peak of a cap
26 Docking place
28 Reflected sound
32 Israel's __ Aviv
33 One as a prefix
34 An expression of hesitation
35 Notion
37 Retain possession of
39 Consumed some food
40 Unwanted plant
42 Possessed
44 Severe
47 American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
48 Suspension
51 Small play
54 ___ volatile : another name for smelling salts
55 In ___ : completely
56 Novice
57 Hours in short ?
58 English schools ___ and Harrow
59 Little difficulty

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	A	M	■	S	I	G	H	■	R	F	I
N	A	N	O	■	I	D	E	A	■	H	A	S
T	I	N	U	■	S	O	M	B	R	E	R	O
S	C	A	N	D	A	L	■	I	S	T	■	■
■	■	■	T	I	L	■	U	T	M	O	S	T
S	N	A	I	L	■	L	P	S	■	R	U	B
T	A	P	E	■	W	A	S	■	M	I	R	A
E	S	P	■	S	A	G	■	V	I	C	A	R
T	H	O	R	A	X	■	N	E	S	■	■	■
■	■	I	L	L	■	S	E	T	D	O	W	N
B	U	N	G	A	L	O	W	■	E	P	E	E
A	P	T	■	M	E	A	L	■	E	I	R	E
D	I	S	■	I	N	K	Y	■	D	E	E	D

DOWN

1 A shrill bark
2 Eco. Comm. of Europe
3 Catastrophic, frightening
4 Foolish one
5 A small toboggan
6 Old time classic movie Alam ___
7 Adult males
8 Marshy tributary
9 Stagger or sway
10 Commanded
11 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
17 Small arachnid
19 Step in ballet
21 Opposed
22 To want badly
23 Yearned
24 English painter
27 Mr. Skywalker of Star Wars fame
29 PM to Chandragupta Maurya
30 Abhor or dislike
31 Was in debt
36 Crooked
38 Hawaiian food
41 Related on the mother's side
43 Fritter away
44 Frame
45 Ski lift (1-3)
46 Those long and slipper fish?
47 Vast age
49 ___ true : false?
50 Cent. Tele. Off.
52 Inland Revenue Service, acronym?
53 Nursery item



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OQ OVUPQ PL PHAPQ SUMQ POUKQ, UZ

PIQ WLWQZP HZE UZ VQPVLAFQKP.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can question somebody's views and their judgment without questioning their motives or patriotism.

BCCI AGM on Dec. 24

Decision on two new IPL teams, ICC Representative on cards

New Delhi, Dec. 4- The BCCI will hold its Annual General Meeting on Dec. 24 to discuss the induction of two new IPL franchises besides the appointment of India's ICC representative and three new national selectors. Also on the agenda is the election of a new Vice-President.

As per norms, the BCCI has sent a 23-point agenda to all affiliated units 21 days prior to the holding of the AGM. The most significant point is seeking approval for two new teams to make it a 10-team IPL.

It is understood that the Adani Group and Sanjeev Goenka's RPG (owners of Rising Pune Supergiants) are interested in owning new teams. Sources said that a team from Ahmedabad is certain to enter the league. A 10th team from Kanpur, Lucknow or Pune will also be discussed.

The proposal to increase two teams for IPL 2021 will be formally floated for the approval of the house when the representatives of all the State Associations meet on Dec. 24, sources said.

Another important point will be BCCI's representative to the ICC and the Asian Cricket Council. It is expected that Secretary Jay Shah will be the BCCI representative in the global committees.

Appointment of three new selectors, along with a Chairman of selectors, is also on cards given that Cricket Committees and Standing Committees are part of the agenda.

"Selection Committee is a part of Cricket Committee plus the Technical Committee also needs to be formed. They are all statutory sub-committees," a senior BCCI source said.

The all-important Umpires' Sub-Committee will also be formed and matters related to the National Cricket Academy will also come up for deliberation.

The agenda also includes discussion on India's Future Tours Programme for 2021, preparation with regards to organisation of next year's T20 World Cup (includes the ICC tax issue) and inclusion of cricket in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

On the administrative front, one of the primary points on the agenda is election of new Vice-President, a position which has been left vacant after Mahim Verma's resignation. It is expected that the choice would be unanimous.

Two representatives from the governing body will get a seat in the IPL Governing Council.

Winners in Kickboxing Championship

Fighters of Elite Academy — (from left) ***Md. Arfath Shariff, Syed Yaseen, Md. Zaid, Md. Ameen, S. Sadiq, Mueez Ahmed, Usman Khan, Moinuddin and Md. Usman;*** *(second row)* ***Suhan Khan, Manha Mehvish, Bi Bi Fathima, Sanfiya Mahek, Nooruddin, Furkhan Shariff and Nihal Baba;*** *(third row)* ***Md. Maaz, Tabreez Pasha Qureshi, Rabiya Bi, Md. S. Arhaan and Md. Haris — are seen with Academy Chief Instructor and Founder Mohammed Farjath Iyaz.***

Mysuru, Dec. 4 (KS)- Fighters of Elite Academy, Mysuru, who participated in the Mysuru District Inter-Club Kickboxing Championship, organised jointly by Elite Academy and Mysore District Kickboxing Association at Elite Academy premises in Rajivnagar here, have bagged a total of 37 medals in the Championship which was held in Cadet, Junior and Senior categories.

The Championship matches were held in Point Fighting, Kick Light, Light Contact, Full Contact, Low Kick, K1 and Musical Forms.

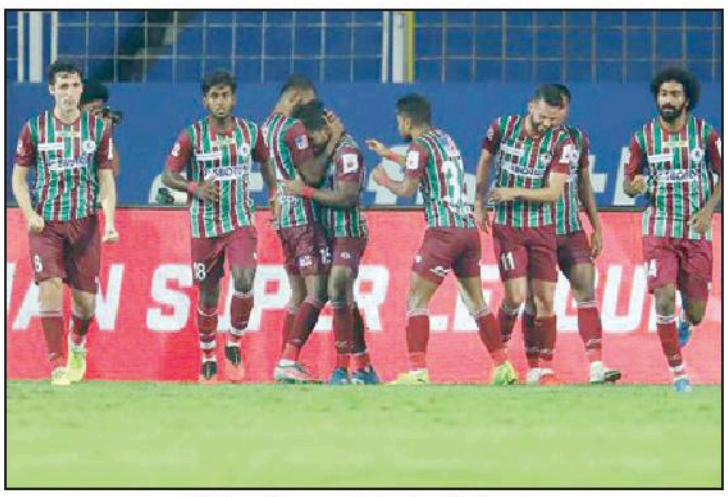
The fighters from Cadet category clinched 7 Gold and 3 Silver medals, while fighters from Junior's category clinched 9 Gold medals. In Senior category, the fighters bagged 5 Gold and 3 Silver medals and from other events like Musical Forms, they clinched 10 Gold medals.

Elite Academy also won the Rolling Trophy. The Fighters were trained by Mohamed Farjath Iyaz, Chief Instructor and Founder of Elite Academy.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Crucial header helps Mohun Bagan beat Odisha for third consecutive win

Margao, Dec. 4 - Mohun Bagan made it three wins from three in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 1-0 victory over Odisha FC at the Fatorda Stadium yesterday.



Mohun Bagan celebrates their win.

It was a game of a few chances, but Roy Krishna popped up with a crucial header deep in stoppage time to give the Kolkata giants the win.

Mohun Bagan had the first effort of the game on goal in the 24th minute. The chance fell to Krishna, but he couldn't quite control a long ball over Odisha's backline properly before firing a left-footed shot over goal. The final chance of the half went to Mohun Bagan and once again it was Krishna, who was in the thick of the action. This time the Fijian striker headed a cross from the left over the target as both teams went into the break with the score goalless.

The goal came from a set-piece in the final minute of injury time. A freekick from near the half-way line came into the box and Sandesh Jhingan met the ball with his head and directed it towards the six-yard box where Krishna demonstrated his poaching instincts to head home the winner late in the contest and give ATK Mohun Bagan all three points in dramatic style.

Hero of the Match – Roy Krishna; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match** – Tiri.

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Match (Dec. 4)

CHENNAIYIN FC
Vs
BENGALURU FC
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 5)

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Yesterday's Result

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	(S-2)	10.50 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Run 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
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	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 5.15 pm
Peninsula (E)	(S-3)	2.10 pm

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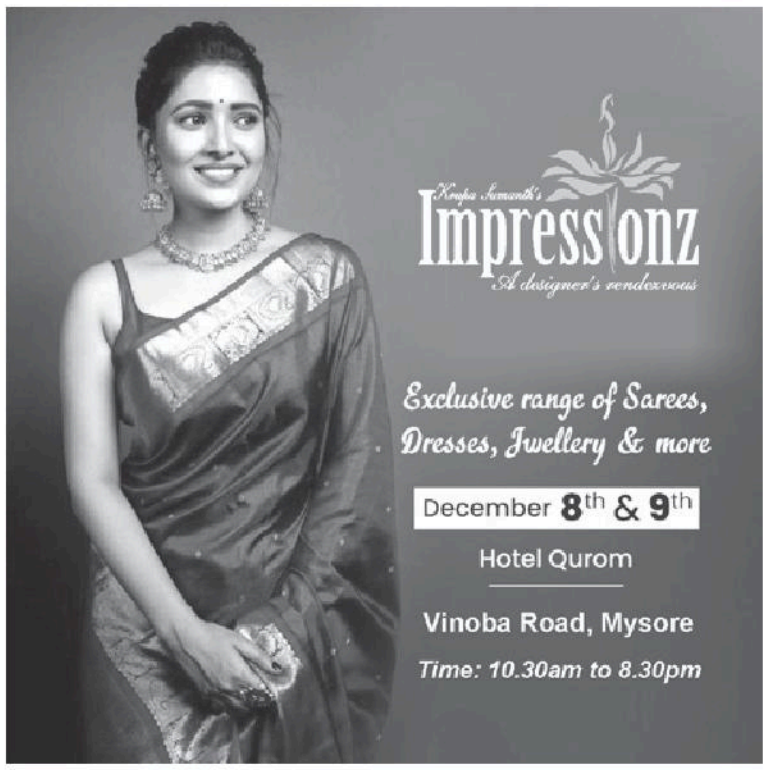

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರು ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಒಂದು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳ 2000ರಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಹ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಜಿ–2ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರಿಂದ/ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 31.12.2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಯು ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಸಮ್ಮತಾ ಮಾನ್ಯತಾ ಅವಧಿಗಿಂತ (Validity period) 45 ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರದವರೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

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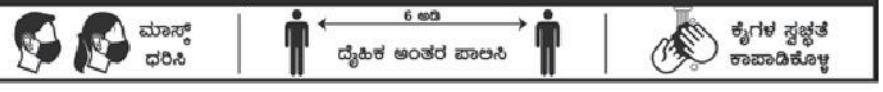

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